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MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND ENSURE THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS

Status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and efforts made by the Secretariat to promote the Convention

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and called upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority.

2. By its resolution 1995/21 of 24 February 1995, the Commission on Human Rights called upon all Member States to consider the possibility of signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority, and expressed the hope that it would enter into force at an early date; requested the Secretary-General to provide all facilities and assistance necessary for the active promotion of the Convention, through the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights and the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights; invited organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on and promoting understanding of the Convention; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fifty-second session a report on the status of the Convention and on the efforts made by the Secretariat to promote the Convention and the protection of the rights of migrant workers.

3. In this connection, the Secretary-General informed the Commission at its fifty-first session that he had addressed a personal letter to all heads of State urging that their Governments ratify, accede or succeed to those principal human rights treaties to which they were not yet a party, including

the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. The letters were transmitted in September 1994. Eleven States had responded by 1 November 1995 that their Governments had initiated internal consultations, submitted draft laws to the appropriate legislative bodies, or taken other action in relation to the possibility of their ratifying the Convention.

4. As at 1 November 1995, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families had been ratified by Morocco and the Philippines, acceded to by Egypt, Colombia and Seychelles and signed by Chile and Mexico.